

ALEXANDRIA LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 19, 2014 meeting
Community Services Board Offices, Alexandria, Virginia

Committee Members Present: Debbie Sikes, Rebecca Gleed, Bob Schaffer

Also Present:

Traci Branch - AES
Cheyenne Galma - Unity Care Health Services
Harrison Ngome - Unity Care Health Services
Jennifer Kane - ACSB
Martin Tamukog -- Nu Dimensions, LLC
Georgia Meyers - Center for Discovery
Benjamin Nolikam - Mmed Tech
Dr. Aisha Riley - Integrative Bbehavioral Supports inc.
Kevin Palusak - state human rights advocate.
Phil Caldwell - ACSB
Alima Palmer - Heritage Multicultural
Mariatu Contch - Meetown Residential Services, Inc

Call to order by Debbie Sikes at 7:06

There was no public comment
Introductions of all members presented

Affiliate updates were provided by current affiliates:
ACSB presented information on new directors
Center for Discovery is now licensed and is servicing 3 clients Aes had no updates

Kevin Palusak presented updates from the state.
- there will be an increased focus this year on the mental health services available including crisis intervention as well as having community services available
- the dbhds is going through much turnover
- in NOVA they have been trying to open more centers as the northern Virginia training center is closing next year therefore the licensing process has been somewhat expedited
- changes with CHRIS reporting system have occurred including the updating to using more updated operating systems
- there will be an email coming out that this will be the last quarter and annual reports using the old reports. New reports will be through CHRIS system

Status of Affiliates -

Global Healthcare was asked to come back and are not present tonight

Move to New business:
- the following affiliates provided quarterly reports

- Center for Autism and Related Disorders Inc.
- AES
- ACSB-
- Center for Discovery
- Heritage Multicultural
- revisit behavioral restrictions -- restrictions of everyday life.
 - can happen through program rules
 - consequences should be listed as well
 - restrictions can take place through individualized plans or program rules
 - there will be a training document that is coming out by March on this topic
 That will be available on the state website

The minutes from the November Meeting were examined. Motion for approval made by Bob Schafer and seconded by Debbie Sikes. The motion carried.

Presentation of new affiliates. Four new affiliates provided information on their programs and answered questions regarding their programs

- Nu Dimensions, LLC- the committee requested that program rules be provided to the committee by March 5th.
- Unity Care Health Services. -- the committee requested that program rules be provided to the committee by March 5th.
- MedTech Care Systems -- the committee requested that program rules be provided to the committee by March 5th
- Meetown Residential Services Inc. -- the committee requested that the program rules provided be revised and resent to the committee by March 5th.
- at 9:20 the committee adjourned to executive session.